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H 1091. NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS. TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CAROLINA NATUROPATHIC PHYSICIANS LICENSING ACT. Creates Art. 40 of GS Ch. 90 as title indicates. Creates seven member Board of Naturopathy Examiners (four naturopathic physicians, one physician, one pharmacist, and one member of the general public), all appointed by the Governor. Board, among other powers, is to examine candidates for licenses, issue, renew, deny, suspend and revoke licenses, set fees and continuing education requirements, and investigate complaints. Requires license to practice as a naturopathic physician. Qualifications for licensure include that the applicant be at least 18 years old and have graduated from an approved college or postgraduate naturopathic program and passage of exam. Fees for licensure are not to exceed \$600 for issuance, \$400 for renewal, and \$200 for late renewal. Provides that licenses are to expire after one year. Allows for reciprocity of licenses and sets minimum continuing education requirements. Provides disciplinary authority for Board, makes unlicensed practice of naturopathy a Class 1 misdemeanor, and allows the Board to seek injunctive relief to restrain violations. Allows those who have been a North Carolina resident for three consecutive years, who have graduated from an approved naturopathic program, and who pay the requisite fee to be licensed without further requirement. Effective Oct. 1, 2001.

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